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SUBJECT:MOVIE: MIDNIGHT EXPRESS

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1. WILLIAM J. HAYES, FORMER ARRESTEE (ISTANBUL) AND SUBJECT
OF MOVIE " MIDNIGHT EXPRESS" TOGETHER WITH ROBERT WAGMAN OF
THE NORTH AMERICAN NEWSPAPER ALLIANCE MET WITH CHIEF,
CA/SCS ARREST UNIT AFTERNOON AUGUST 3. ALSO PRESENT WERE
REPRESENTATIVES FROM L/CA, EUR/SE AND CA (PUBLIC AFFAIRS
OFFICER).MEETING WHICH LASTED APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR WAS
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CONDUCTED IN EXTREMELY CORDIAL AND OPEN ATMOSPHERE.

2. BEGINNING AUGUST 5, HAYES EXPLAINED THAT HE WOULD BE
VISITING LONDON AND OTHER WESTERN EUROPEAN CITIES AS PART
OF A PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN IN CONNECTION WITH THE RELEASE OF THE
MOVIE "MIDNIGHT EXPRESS". HAYES REQUESTED AND RECEIVED
A BRIEFING ON HISTORY AND PURPOSES BEHIND THE VARIOUS

TRANSFER OF SANCTIONS TREATIES RECENTLY NEGOTIATED WITH MEXICO, CANADA AND BOLIVIA, AND THE PENDING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT. IN DISCUSSING THE UPCOMING TURKISH NEGOTIATIONS, DEPOFFS FOLLOWED THE PRESS GUIDANCE SETFORTH IN STATE NO. 192950.

3. HAYES STATED THAT THE GENERAL TONE OF THE MOVIE WAS NOT REPEAT NOT CRITICAL OF THE CONSULAR SERVICES. IN FACT, HAYES EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL APPRECIATION AND ADMIRATION AND THAT OF HIS FAMILY FOR ALL THAT WAS DONE ON HIS BEHALF BY THE DEPARTMENT AND OUR TURKISH POSTS DURING HIS INCARCERATION (OCTOBER 1970 TO OCTOBER 1975). HAYES FURTHER STATED THAT IT WAS ALSO NOT HIS INTENTION IN THE MOVIE TO BE UNDUELY CRITICAL OF THE TURKS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE MOVIE WAS SIMPLY BASED ON THE STORY OF HIS ARREST, INCARCERATION AND SUBSEQUENT ESCAPE. IN THIS REGARD, HAYES ACKNOWLEDGED THAT REPORTS HAD REACHED HIM INDICATING THAT THE TURKS WERE "UPSET" WITH MOVIE'S RELEASE. HAYES STATED THAT HE HOPED THAT THE MOVIE OR THE PUBLICITY SURROUNDING HIS APPEARANCES IN EUROPE WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT HAVE ANY ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE UPCOMING TREATY NEGOTIATIONS IN ANKARA. TO FORSTALL ANY SUCH REPERCUSSIONS, HAYES VOLUNTEERED THAT HE WOULD USE PRUDENCE AND CAUTION IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRESS DURING HIS FORTHCOMING TRIP TO EUROPE.

4. ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO FORWARD TO DEPARTMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(CA/SCS) ANY MEDIA ACCOUNTS WHICH APPEAR IN THE TURKISH PRESS AS A RESULT OF HAYES' EUROPEAN TRIP AND THE MOVIE RELEASE. VANCE

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